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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to consideration of the IDS filed 2-23-04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 7 and 8.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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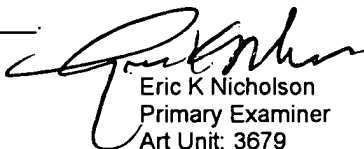
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6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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### **Part III EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

In view of the prior art cited on February 23, 2004 on the form 1449 and in consideration thereof the application has been amended as follows:

Claim 6 has been canceled.

Claim 8, line 1, the dependency has been changed from "6" to "5".

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

5. (currently amended) A vacuum cleaner comprising:

- a vacuum source;
- an operation handle having a fixing hole formed on one side and being connected to the vacuum source;
- an extension pipe;
- a holder having a locking hole formed on one side to correspond to the fixing hole, the holder being connected to the extension pipe; and
- a locking/unlocking lever having a hook portion and a button portion formed opposite to the hook portion along a diameter thereof, the locking/unlocking lever for removably connecting the holder to the operation handle, wherein the

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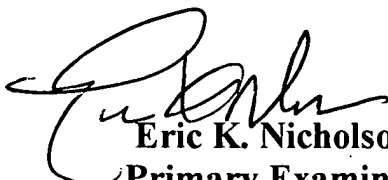
locking/unlocking lever is movable between a locked position and an unlocked position, wherein in the locked position the hook portion is inserted into the locking and fixing holes, and wherein in the unlocked position the hook portion is removed from the locking and fixing holes [.] wherein the locking/unlocking lever has hinge pins that pivotally connect the locking/unlocking lever with the holder, and wherein the button hook portions are disposed opposite to the hinge pins along a length of the locking/unlocking lever.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Andrew Gust on September 2, 2004.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric Nicholson whose telephone number is (703) 308-0829. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesdays thru Fridays from 7:30 to 6:00 .

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